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A REFLECTION ON THE CITY.

The case of the railway conductor suffering from acute typhoid fever and unable to get hospital attendance be cause of lack of means, can hardly be an agreeable one for the people of Richmond to consider. It emphasizes again a fact that has long been unfortunately plain. This is the deplorable lack of proper hospital pro-

The one free hospital here, the Sheltering Arms, is taxed beyond its capacity. In this case, the alternative offered by the city to a dangerously sick man was a boarding-house room

A situation of this sort reflects little credit on the city. It is in no sense a fault of the hospitals. They are doeverything that they can, and all that could possibly be expected them. The four city hospitals which are doing most of this charity work, the Memorial, the Virginia, the Retreat and the Sheltering Arms, gave last year some 16,000 days of free hospital treatment in all. This means an average of eleven patients attended without charge every day in the For this the hospitals receive from the city appropriations amountearly four months ago their board representatives notified the Council Finance Committee that, while they intended to continue doing everything means, their capacities were limited. and they could not be responsible for far as we are aware, no effort was made on the part of the Council to meet the emergency thus pointed out. The hospital authorities further made the city a direct offer to care for all critical and ambulance cases at a price of \$1 a day each, the actual cost to the hospital being from \$1.30 to \$1.50 a day, exclusive of medicines and medical attendance. Under this scheme chronic sufferers only were to be treat at the City Home. The Counci appears to have made no reply to this proposal, and the present situation is ne logical result.
Nothing can be plainer than that

it is the city's duty to provide poor sufferers with all necessary care and attention. To fail to do so is a serious reproach. There are two way in which this obligation may be discharged. One is by erecting, and maintaining a first-rate municipal hospital absolutely disconnected with the poorhouse, with which institution a free hospital has no logical connec tion whatever. This would be likely Doubt instantly arises as to whether lated to get the most satisfactory re-The other method is to accept the offer long ago organized themselves into an association with the express pur-It appears in every way to the advantage of the city to accept it. With such an arrangement made, all the city's patients for the future would be assured of receiving treatment as prompt, capable and efficient as any money could buy them. The distressing complications now likely to be raised when desperate illness seizes those who have no homes here and no money would thus be settled creditably, permanently and cheaply, and no poor fellow's life would be jeopardized because the city of Richmond had failed to provide any proper way of taking

ECONOMY: A NEW WORD IN WASH-INGTON.

The United States has the wellearned reputation of being the most wasteful country in the world. We spend money like prodigal heirs to a bottomless purse. We burn up our natural resources as though a new set could be obtained at any time by act of Congress. As to the latter, President Roosevelt did memorable work by insisting in season and out on the necessity of conservation. to the former, he displayed no interest whatever. However passionately he may have contended for our forests, economy in a financial sense was not in his hornbook. It is pleasant to learn that Mr. Roosevelt's successor conceives the doctrine of economy to apply also to our national funds. Mr. Tatt has specifically asked that the appropriations for 1910-'11 shall fall well under those for 1909-'10. Ordinary common sense supports the wisdom of this demand. Appropriations have been mounting foolhardly, if not brazenly. The Treasury faces a serious deficit, and the one cure for this strained situation that siggests itself to cur lawmakers is to pile on more taxes.

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If the News still insists that critiselism of lumber-taxing Democrats is evidence of teeble ignorance and diabolical malice, we invite it to express that appropriation bill readily contemporary to inveigh yaguely of their of our or inveigh yaguely of their of the promoted that successory in the destruction of our forests; voted to raise the price of one of the chief of apply also to our national funds. Mr. Tatt has specifically asked that the appropriations for 1910-'11 shall fall that enters appropriation of our forests; voted to raise the price of one of the chief of an amount and that enters series of prizes for the best "tongue the destruction of our forests; voted to raise the price of one of the chief of our ville Courier-Journal.

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than this. But whether even accomplished is quite doubtful. The pruning knife would naturally turn in two directions, either against departmental appropriations, as for naings. In either direction, it will be the chief handle by which many law-The Congressman who can "get things" often commands more admiraare a good many of these Congress- ready in due time. All that will then well-established principle: "Tickle my back and I'll tickle yours." Thus any move to stamp upon the large num nothing but personal favors would be recombatted with all the vigor which

cal lives, It is, therefore, doubtful if the in cipient campaign for economy, wholly commendable as it is, can be expected to accomplish much under present auspices. The Republican party cardi nally represents extravagant expenditures, and may be said to rely upon To overturn them would be little short of revolutionary from an organiza country should at all times disburse in the most princely fashion discov mental economy is to turn the reins lieves in economy, and which goes into power on the distinct promise that it will put an end to reckles wasting of the people's money.

men bring to a fight for their politi-

"MALIGNERS OF DEMOCRACY."

Even as truth though suppressed an not be altogether slain—even a it may be outraged for a time and yet survive; and yet escape from the talons survive; and yet escape from the talone of false report, splendidly vindicated—so will a party and its leaders, who, although persistently misrepresented as to their promises, colligations and record, ultimately emerge even stronger, more virile, more aggressive by very reason of the unjust weapons which have been used against them.—The Lynchburg News. The Lynchburg News.

A sounder principle than that enun clated here was never uttered. Truth the series of highly overwrought tariff so advantageously discontinued. If all dishonest as our contemporary has and spiteful, the News need not feel upon themselves, just as the excellent fever in attempts to refute it, really does seem to be making oneself un-

turesque, has never been accepted as a fair substitute for logic, and probably never will be. From a casual reading some of our esteemed contemporary's remarks, we gather that it it is most acutely sensitive. All those who consider that in voting to keep on the consider that in voting to keep a tax on lumber Democrats in Congress repudiated their party platform, are being repeatedly castigated as ignorant perverters of fact and small-brained preachers of glaring heresies. Considering the very large number of these, it is something of a distinction that this newspaper should have been isolated for more especial rebuke. The applicants for chastisement are many, and their ranks, we note with some satisfaction, are swelling. What newspaper, by the way, does the News regard as an authoritative expounder of the considering when the congress we have mentioned him for these, it is something of a distinction that this newspaper should have been isolated for more especial rebuke. The applicants for chastisement are many, and their ranks, we note with some satisfaction, are swelling. What newspaper, by the way, does the News regard as an authoritative expounder of the content o paper, by the way, does the News regard as an authoritative expounder of Democratic doctrine, since it has stamped such large numbers as not only false prophets, but malignantly false prophets? What, for example, the American Economist, the organ of the American Protective Tariff League, false prophets? What, for example, of the Commoner, the official and proprietary mouthpiece of the three limes Democratic candidate? Does the News care to tell its readers that the Commoner is guilty of "falsification of the Denver platform? Let us call our Lynchburg friend's attention to what Mr. Bryan, who is supposed to have had quite a hand in writing that platform, has to say in his paper this week. The dispatches from Lincoin quotes him thus:

The Democrats who voted against free lumber have—
Voted to repudiate the national platform of our forests;
Voted to raise the price of one of the chief necessaries of life;
Voted to tax a material that enters into a multitude of industries, and thus to place an unnecessary burden upon these industries;
Voted to tax at material that enters into a multitude of industries, and the whole ountry for the henefit of a compara-

enough. Probably the real index fig- against "those newspapers." If i really desires to debate the question of what the lumber plank meant, here is a foeman whom it may possibly

CASTLES IN THE AIRSTITES. The Zeppelin flight through the the appropriations of privilege, as pri- of our War Department to an unexmiles or so; and Major George Squier has gotten to work on the preliminary drawings. The sailing so ing only one man's time and some

major will have the specifications

It is easy to see why England and fer the simplest and most convenient footholds yet discovered for dropping footholds yet discovered for dropping bombs on Berlin and London respectively. But what would Mr. Dickinson's balloons drop bombs on? The Tramp: "Thank yer, mum. Couldn't make it a tenor an' theroughly enjoy proposed fleet is to patrol the Atlantic foureit?"—The Housekeeper. coast. What deadly fob is waiting to bite us in that direction? We had understood that our mortal menace lay in the other direction. Can an ethereal squadron really guard our coasts? If so, it need hardly be duplicoasts? If so, it need hardly be dupli- Leader.
cated by a lot of floating forts. Do The Balkan Crisis. we understand that the air program is coupled with the proposal to abolish the navy as a useless expense? What after we get 'em? Has anybody paused to inquire? We suppose that though they come high-some of them higher than they'll go-we merely feel that we must have them in justice to our dignity as a "world-power."

There may be better berries than the strawberry, but we shall always demand that they flash the proof on

Perfecting an airship means the hardest kind of work. Never imagine that they are play Wrights.

We are waiting, June. Come across with those perfect days as advertised

With feelings of deep regret we give voice to the opinion that it may become necessary for Senator Balley to teach Senator La Follette his punch.

Some day the cost of living will meet the law of gravitation, and then there will be trouble.

Of course, sweet boys graduate, too

The retiring administration in Philadelphia left \$1.23 in the treasury. We assume that it had slipped down in a crack and gotten lost to view.

The Japanese government has conferred the Order of the Rising Sun upon the chief engineer of the Ameri-can Telephone Company. There is a can Telephone Company. There is a perfectly corking joke tucked away in this somewhere, but after due deliberation we have decided not to

Don't flinch. Don't foul. Hit the mud-puddles hard.

Any intelligent bunch of Kilkenny cats could pick up pointers by spending an hour or two with the United States Senate.

And yet they speak of "the long

Well, think of the double-headers

When the Aldrich bill finally arrives at the White House Mr. Taft will have a grand chance to sign a little deciaration of independence of his own.

IF ARE WERE MAYOR.

A "Horrible Imagining" Never Likel; to Come True.

NO TARIFF COMMISSION.

Borrowed lingles.

HEALTH FOOD,

Compressed Living. Compressed Living,
Jack: "Hallo, Tom, old man, got your
new flat fitted up yet?"
Tom: "Not quite, Say, do you know
where I can buy a folding toothbrush?"
Boston Transcript.

Another Nature Fake. Larry: "Phwars th' excitement, Pat?"
Pat: "Shure, an' th' automobile has
turned turtie,"
Larry: "Purned turtle, ch? Bedad, Ol
bet thou's th' reason ut choose a mud puddle,"—Judge. remain will be to get some money for

Thorough Enjoym

"What's all this continual trouble among the Balkan States?"
"It's this way. Some of them Balkan Kings is making garden."
"Making garden?"
"Yes; and other of them Balkan Kings insists on keeping chickens,"—Kansas City Journal.

"Seems to be a great rush of game in Africa."
"Yes! I understand it's getting so that the Colonei won't kill a lion except by ap-pointment."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

TEDDY has with him a hundred porter

Watchman, What of the Night the subject of William J. Bryan's recent speech at Columbus, O. And Miss Demo-cracy answers: "The Night Is Dark, and I Am Far From Home. You Led Me On."— Bosion Travèler.

"What we have got to do among us all is to restrain the fools," says Tatt, Sounds awkward and looks difficult.—Nashville American.

There is a growing belief that unless the tariff is revised downward certain obstructionist statesmen in Congress will be blown upward.—New York Mail. June wheat looks very much like th

May variety, only adelphia Inquirer,

It is predicted by a Texas man that the world will come to an end during the en-suing summer. We earnestly advise our friends who have started gardens to go on hosing out the weeds just the same.— Chicago Record-Heraid,

In Praise of a Singer.

(To Mrs. George B. Jennings.)
When by thy voice my heart is attreed,
in vain it struggles for a word
Of steength to speak its gladness!
But tongues with inspiration fraught
Could never aptly frame in thought
Such rare, delicious madness.

I offer, then, unto thy powers
The finer culcay of flowers—
What sweet elequence have they!
With their lips of nertume bringing
Faller tribute to thy singing
Than mere words could ever pay.
SAM M. GAINES,
Washington, D. C.

SELMA, ALABAMA. Dozens of Other Southern Towns
-Just Like This One.

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No careful reader of a little "albur of facts" about the city of Selma, Alacan fall to be impressed with the number and the variety of her manufacwere the based of pink in the control of the control of the pink in the pink i

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

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Mrs. Asquith's "Mannequin Ten."

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Mrs. Asquith's ement to be in a fair way to shipwreck her lusband's career through the indiscretions of hor utterances and her conduct. In the past the wives of British Premiers have almost invariably been women who managed to make friends for their nusbands, both at court and in the political world. Mrs. Gladstone, Lady Palmerston, the late Lady Salisbury, Lady Russell, Lady Campbell-Bannerman, were all most useful allies of their respective husbands, while even poor Lady Beaconstied, whose foolish sayings were a source of so much good-natured ridicule, was the most kindly of women, universally recognized as such, and enabled, by means of her wealth, to extricate Disraell from his financial difficulties, and thus to promote his political career by placing him above any anxiety regarding money matters for the remainder of his days.

Mrs. Asquith, on the centrary, appears destined to oring not only her husband, but also his cabinet, to grief, and it-is difficult for people over here to conceive the trouble which she has stirred up through her so-called "Mannequin Tea" at her husband's official residence in Downing Street, the historic home of a long succession of illustrious Prime Ministers. The mannequins were the loyellest Paristan dressmakers' models, who exhibited at the tea, for the edification of Mrs. Asquith has endeavored to excuse berself by a public announcement that the dresses were her own. But it is known positively that this is not the case, and that she merely placed her salons at the disposal of the Parisian couturier in question in order that he might exhibit his wares under the most advantageous circumstances with a view to a sale.

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Not only has every dressmaking establishment in London raised an outcry, but the Chambers of Commerce in every important centre, such as Bradford, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester—in fact, all over the country—have considered it necessary to pass resolutions condemning the use of the official residence of the Premier as a showroom for advertising foreign dressmakers' goods. Each of these Chambers of Commerce represents thousands of English manufacturers and merchants, both great and small, who in turn influence the labor element; and it is no exaggeration to allege that the entire industrial and mercantic

The Emperor was so much pleased with the acquaintance thus formed that he accompanied her during the remainder of her ride. This was, of course, before her marriage.

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Voice of the People

The Norfolk School Superintendency.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—The Norfolk newspapers appear to think that an article in your columns under the caption, "Seek College Men, Not Politicians," which appeared recently, dealing with the appointment of a school superintendent for this city, was an obviously levious deliverance, directed at R. A. Doble, the incumbent, who is seeking reappointment to the position. As a matter of fact, your exposition of the situation in this city was correct, as were your observations on the necessity of appointing only thoroughly educated and trained men to responsible positions in the department of education, Your article but echoes the sentiments of fully two-thirds of the intelligent people of this community, and that it was left

THIS WILL INTEREST MOTHERS

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dold-in Virginia,

It is said that gold in paying quantilies
can be found in fitteen counties of Virginia,
one of which is Plitsylvania, and that a
company has been organized to hunt for it.
—Pittsylvania Tribune.

There is plenty of it in Sussafx. We know
men who are taking out \$50 to \$100 an acre
every year. That is 6 per cent, on \$500 to
\$15,600, and the mine will neve be worked
out. We trust none of our randers will be
caught by these new-old worked-out min
ing schemes, which are boing exploited
through the daily papers. There's \$1,000
in gold within twelve inches of the surface
of the ground to be had by growing crops
to \$1 to be had by mining it.—Sussax
Standard.

Tax Reform in Virginia.

The Times-Dispatch has for several
menths had occasional articles on reform
of our taking system. This is an important
subject, and yet a difficult one. Our late
consultational Convention attached blame to
commissioners of the revenue, believing they
were influenced by the desire to please the
voters by low assessments of property, and
for that reason provided for their appoint
ment by the courts, expecting that appointed by the courts they would be removed from the temptation to make low
assessments. It is not a question of low
or high assessments that most concerns the
people. What they want and have right
to expect is equality in assessments, which
means equality in taxes to be paid.—Beford Democrat.

Democratic Duty.

"It is the duty of every Democrat to bow
to the decision of his party," says a contemporary. That depends. It is certain
that evils will crop up here and there in
the best regulated households, And whe
those evils do come up, and it is shown by
past experience that they cannot be cured
within the party itself, it is the duty of a
Democratic Duty. be allowed to enter, and this statement would appear platitudinous but
that it is an axiom more honored in
the breach than in the observance, and
especially so in Norfolk. The claims
of any aspiring to public office of any
kind should rest upon finess, merit,
adequacy; to waive these points in any
case is damaging, but to ignore then
in the matter of education is disastrous.

GEORGE F. VIETT.

Norfolk, June 3.

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Observations on the Petersburg Election.

Sir,—I am inclined to think that the Petersburg "local option" election could not be duplicated in any city of China or Japan. If the baleful effects of the traffic in alcoholic liquors were as apparent to the induential men of mathen towns as they are in Christian cities, you will never find the prominent business men using their induence to cetablish the trade in any community. It remains for the business men in Christian towns, some of them in Christian towns, some of them to the control members, in a great contest between sobriety and drunkenness, between sobriety and disorder, between that which exalts and elevates humanity and that which degrades and demoralizes, to array themselves on the side of the evil. What an object lesson that election presents to the civilized world:

Beaver Dam, June 3.

S. C. R.

OVERBUILT OCEAN TRADE.

And Its Effect on the American Mer-

Mr. Boas, general manager of the Hamhurg-American Line, says "there is no denying the fact that the ocean-carrying trade is largely overbuit," and this is said to be just as true of the